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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Sunday, December 17, 2023

Sunday of the Forefathers

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SUN	Dec 17	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
MON	Dec 18	8:00 AM	+Arthur Izzo – St. Edmonds Parish
TUE	Dec 19	8:00 AM	+Jacob Salla – St. Edmonds Parish
WED	Dec 20	8:00 AM	For God's Blessing and Good Health of Bill Bijansky
THURS	Dec 21	8:00 AM	+Stanley Husak – Eugene Serba
FRI	Dec 22	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
SAT	Dec 23	9:00 AM	No Liturgy
Sunday Before Christmas – Of the Ancestors			
SUN	Dec 24	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
		9:00 PM	Christmas Eve Great Compline (Povechiria Velike)
		9:30 PM	Christmas Divine Liturgy (English)

Welcome – To all who are tired and need rest; To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are friendless and need friendship; To all who are discouraged and need hope; To all who are homeless and need sheltering love; To all who sin and need a Savior; And to whomsoever will, The Parish of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church opens Wide its doors, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! **Our mission:** let us be a community filled with faith in God, love for our tradition and our Church, and love for one another.

In case of emergency – if you need to reach Father Volodymyr in an emergency and he is unavailable at the rectory, please call him at 570-328-3818. If you are admitted to a hospital or at home and would like Father to visit you, please call the Rectory Office (302-762-5511) to request visitation of the sick.

Sanctuary light – if you are interested in requesting the Sanctuary Light to burn in memory of your deceased love ones, please see Father. The light will burn for one week and the cost is \$20.

Bequests to Your Parish: please remember St. Nicholas Church with memorial gifts in your will.

The Sanctuary Light for the week of December 17th is requested by Eugene Serba in memory of +Stanley Husak. May his memory be eternal! Vichanaya Pamiat!

Recitation of the Rosary – every Sunday at 9:45 AM for Peace in Ukraine. Please pray with us.

Bake Sale – Today, Soyuz Ukrainok will have a bake sale after the 10 AM Liturgy.

The Bishops of the Metropolia of Philadelphia have created a special fund entitled: “War Victims and Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine”. The fund can be accessed through the website of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

Church Elevator – we are currently experiencing some issues with our elevator. It has been recommended by our elevator servicing partner that we replace the current unit with a new ADA Compliant handicapped elevator. We are asking our parishioners to help offset the cost of this project. Our goal is to raise \$50,000. Please give this request your consideration. Donations can be placed in the Sunday collection or given to Father Klanichka. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

2024 Church Envelopes and Calendars are available in the Church Hall. Please pick up your box of envelopes today.

Let us remember our sick in our prayers: John Hynansky, Ihor and Karen Hrycak, Bohdan Hrycushko, Walter Szczerban, Walter Petryk, Millie Yanonis, Julia, Bohdan & Orest Sobkiw.

Many thanks to all those who helped decorate and clean the Church. May the new-born Infant of Bethlehem bless you and reward you always.

Confessions will be heard by Archpriest Father Daniel Troyan on Thursday, December 21st beginning at 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Church. Please avail yourself of this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the Christmas.

Beginning at the Philip's Fast (Advent) on November 15th, 2023, the obligation to attend the Divine Liturgy for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is restored. (*c. 881 §1 CCEO*)

St. Philip's Fast (PILIPIVKA) – observed in our Church during the pre-Christmas or Advent season, beginning November 15th through December 24th (Christmas Eve), which includes good works, prayers, and voluntary fasting.

Blessing of Homes – request cards are found with your 2023 envelopes. Blessing of Homes will be done only as requested.

Save the Date – Christmas Dinner (Prosfora), Sunday, Jan 14th (Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM). Sign-up sheets are located at the side entrance of the Church and in the Church Hall. Donations will be greatly appreciated to help defray expenses. If interested in donating please see Grace Pryslak or Natalia Klanichka.

Parish income for December 10th: Sunday \$3,474; Holyday \$129; Initial Offering \$10; Flowers \$115; Dinners \$85; Monthly Diocesan \$15. TOTAL: \$3,828. Thank you for your donations!

Register Your Children for Religious Education: Registration form for children can be found in the Church vestibule. Register your children for religious education classes.

CHRISTMAS EVE – Sunday, December 24th

9:00 PM - Great Compline (Povechiria Velike) - 9:30 PM - Christmas Divine Liturgy (English)

CHRISTMAS – Monday, December 25th

10:00 AM - Christmas Day Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)